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PRESIDENT CLINTON NOMINATES DEUTCH FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

The President today nominated John M. Deutch, a highly respected expert on military technology and current Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, to serve as Deputy Secretary of Defense under Secretary William Perry.

"John Deutch is a sound and sophisticated adviser whose expertise on military technology and policy has served the Department of Defense well in his tenure as Undersecretary of Defense," said President Clinton. "Secretary Perry and I will rely heavily on his knowledge, imagination, and judgment as we work to maintain the strongest military in the world in a time of budgetary constraints."

Secretary of Defense Perry added, "I have known John Deutch for many years. He and I both served as Undersecretaries during President Carter's administration, in different departments, but I certainly had a chance to work with him. Most recently, of course, he and I worked very closely together in the Bottom-Up Review, where he showed admirable leadership and judgment. I know he will excel as my right hand, managing the day-to-day activities of the Department."

Deutch has over 30 years of experience in national security policy, defense acquisition, and management. His government assignments include service in the Department of Energy as director of Energy Research, acting assistant secretary for Energy Technology, and undersecretary of the Department. He has been a member of the White House Science Council, the Defense Science Board, the Army Scientific Advisory Panel, the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel, the President's Commission on Strategic Forces, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, and the President's Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee. He also served as a consultant to the Bureau of the Budget.

Deutch became a member of the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970 and since then has been an associate professor and professor of chemistry, chairman of the Department of Chemistry, and dean of science. From 1985 to 1990 he was provost of M.I.T. Since 1990, he has been Institute Professor.

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Among his other significant achievements, Deutch has been a trustee of the Urban Institute, member and chair of the National Science Foundation Advisory Panel for Chemistry, an overseer of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, a trustee of Wellesley College, a director of Resources for the Future, a member of the Trilateral Commission, and a member of the Governor of Massachusetts Technology and Economic Development Council.

A graduate of Amherst College with a B.A. in history and economics, he earned both a B.S. degree in chemical engineering and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from M.I.T. He holds honorary doctoral degrees from Amherst College and the University of Lowell. Deutch has been a Sloan Research Fellow and a Guggenheim Fellow; he is also a member of Sigma XI and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Deutch was born in Brussels, Belgium, and became a U.S. citizen in 1946. He has three sons, and his permanent residence is in Belmont, Massachusetts.

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